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✓ 1. In compliance with the request of Mr. Duvall, clerk of the Independent Offices Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, that CIA testify today on the Soviet atomic energy program, I informed Subcommittee Chairman Thomas that CIA was most reluctant to testify in connection with the appropriations of another agency. Mr. Thomas insisted that CIA appear and the matter was discussed with Mr. Dulles, Becker and Wolf. As a result, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Becker appeared before the Committee and stated why it would not be possible for them to testify in view of the precedence established regarding CIA non-appearances. The Committee was adamant and proposed to go into the matter further with the DCI and <sup>possibly</sup> on the Floor.

and that all the available intelligence on the Soviet atomic program had been given to the AEC.